

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2217 – SB 2469**

January 16, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Effective January 1, 2013, requires all tractor-trailers and tractor-semitrailer combinations to have the name and business phone number, of the vehicle owner or corporation employing such vehicle, affixed, stenciled, or painted on the rear of the vehicle. This nonmoving violation is a Class B misdemeanor subject to a fine not to exceed \$100 and court costs not to exceed \$10. Prohibits state or local litigation taxes from being applied.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – \$35,600/FY12-13  
\$71,300/FY13-14 and Subsequent Years**

**Decrease State Revenue – \$2,000,000/FY12-13  
\$4,000,000/FY13-14 and Subsequent Years**

**Decrease Federal Expenditures – \$2,000,000/FY12-13  
\$4,000,000/FY13-14 and Subsequent Years**

**Increase Local Revenue – \$1,900/FY12-13  
\$3,800/FY13-14 and Subsequent Years**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Safety (DOS) and based on information provided by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, this law will be in conflict with federal vehicle marking requirements in 49 CFR 390 and considered incompatible with the provisions of 49 CFR 355.
- Enactment of an incompatible law will render the state ineligible for federal funding from the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. DOS projects a recurring decrease in grant funding of \$4,000,000 per year. In FY12-13, this decrease will be \$2,000,000 due to the January 1, 2013 effective date.
- DOS estimates 1,000 violations per year with an average fine of \$75. Local courts will retain five percent of fine revenue.
- An increase in recurring state revenue of \$71,250 (1,000 violations x \$75 fine x 95%) and an increase in recurring local revenue of \$3,750 (1,000 violations x \$75 fine x 5%).

- In FY12-13, the increase in state revenue will be \$35,625 and the increase in local revenue will be \$1,875 due to the January 1, 2013 effective date.
- Any cost to DOS or local governments can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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